

MINUTES
ZIONSVILLE SAFETY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2005

1. ZIONSVILLE SAFETY BOARD PRESIDENT D. CRANE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:30 P.M.
2. THOSE PRESENT:
D. CRANE, J. RAY, A. HARRIS, A. BUROKER, J. WAMPLER
3. MINTUES
J. Ray stated that the minutes need more clarification in reference to Unfinished Business the Radio Communications Update.
J. Wampler so noted and will attach an update from each technical meeting of Hoosier Project Safet. A retro active update will be emailed to the Safety Board members.
A motion was made to withhold approval of the minutes until the update is made to the Radio Communications portion of the minutes.
Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
4. REPORTS
 - A. Marshal
 1. Reserves
Town Marshal J. Wampler gave the reserve division report.
 2. Calls for Service for March 2005 were given.
 3. There will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration at the Friendly Tavern March 17, 2005.
 4. Marshal Wampler also reported that the meeting in reference to updating the Zionsville Town Court system was very productive. In attendance was John Yeo, his assistant Amy, Judge Price Jackson, Town Prosecutor Sandra Carr, D. Crane, Ed Mitro, A. Harris, J. Wampler.
The meeting came about to find a way to streamline the court system. As a result there will be two court hearings each month. One will be whereby the violator can enter a guilty plea and pay their ticket or they can request a continuance. Thursday evening will be for people to come in and also plead guilty and pay their violation. They can also contest the ticket and be given a trial date.
There was a discussion on the deferral program so that a lot of tickets will not be handled by the court. The summons can be taken care of prior to court.
The officers in the field will cooperate more with the clerk's office by having a copy of the driving record of the individual they are

ticketing.

Everyone present was pleased with the results of the meeting. The new system should be in place within 60 days. Work will have to be done on some of the local ordinances but the results will be a more modern and organized court system.

Violators can also mail their ticket and fine into the court. The new tickets will have an envelope that can be filled out and used to mail the tickets and fines to the clerk.

There will be bilingual cards and a volunteer sworn in translator from Zionsville Community School system under the direction of Prosecutor Carr and Judge Jackson available for individuals who can not speak English.

There will be a Zionsville Police Department officer as a bailiff and to call the court to order. The officer will greet individuals and direct them through the proper procedures.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Noise Ordinance

A. Buroker stated that the red line changes came from an email from D. Crane and his commits and questions to clarify the construction process and exceptions such as music constituting noise and the application for a permit.

Marshal Wampler stated that the changes in the ordinance made enforcement easier and clarified the contents of the ordinance.

Motion was made to recommend the Noise Ordinance to the Town Council for consideration as amended.

Amendments being the red lined items and changing section 4 to remove garden tractors in line 2 and equipment in line 3.

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

B. Radio Communications Update

Marshal Wampler reported that the finance committee met March 15, 2005. The concept of what the committee wants for all of Boone County was finalized. Everyone agreed that a 3 tower system with one in Thorntown, one in Lebanon, and one in the Zionsville area.

Motorola has agreed that this is absolutely necessary to make the system work properly.

The radio system has been tested and we know that with only one tower radio transmissions do not work efficiently for the Zionsville area.

Three potential tower sites have been identified by Motorola and by the technical committee for Zionsville. One behind the Town Hall, the second one is the water tower on Bloor Lane and the third is on Andrea Dr., the Snyder Group. Snyder has offered to build the tower at their expense according to our specifications and lease space on the tower to us.

Leases have to be negotiated but it can be done.

Motorola will have an approximate estimate within the next 30 to 45 days of the cost factor involved for this project.

The finance committee have proposed that a meeting take place on May 3, 2005 at 7 PM at the high school auditorium. Present will be the Town Council, Safety Board, fire chiefs, police chiefs, and everyone who has any interest in this system. Motorola will make a presentation on what the system will look like. We will be there to answer questions. It is an introduction to all the administrators and all the people that will be impacted by this, to see what the system looks like. The other issue that came from the finance committee meeting was there was an agreement that there should be a secondary or backup public safety answering point or communication center.

The main center is in the Boone County jail. The secondary center will be built but left dormant until such time as it is needed.

This will be a backup for central dispatch which at present is located at the Boone County jail.

We feel that there is space at the Municipal Building in the public meeting room for this facility.

The other alternative might be that Snyder is willing to build a building where the proposed tower would be built to accommodate a temporary community center.

A completion deadline of January 1, 2006 has been proposed.

Motorola put together a project team with a demonstration at the March 15th meeting.

By June 2005, Motorola will give an exact amount needed to finance this project.

Sheriff Brannon is keeping the County Commissioners aware of the progress on this project as Marshal Wampler has with the Safety Board.

Marshal Wampler will attach to the minutes of tonight's Safety Board meeting information from the technical and financial committee meetings.

Grant funding may be needed to finance this project. Motorola has people with knowledge about grant funding who can assist us in looking for funds.

When asked for a ball park figure for this project, Marshal Wampler gave an unpublished amount of \$8,000,000.00.

There is a possibility of a 911 board to distribute finances from 911 as needed, if 911 will contribute to this project.

Agreements have been established with all surrounding counties to share radio systems.

An ordinance should be crafted that require new construction to put equipment inside new buildings such small antennas so that the police radios will work inside metal structures.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Village Merchants Rewards Program

Marshal Wampler reported that there have been several hateful phone calls, letters, disagreeing with the Rewards Program. He has also spoken to almost everyone within my department for their opinions.

Marshal Wampler stated that no one will be stopped to thank them for driving safely. He is surprised that the community reacted so negatively to this program.

If anyone gets out of their car to go in an establishment and we can approach them, we will ask if we can have a minute of their time to thank them for being a safe driver, present them with a merchant certificate and walk away.

This idea was never intended to be an intrusive or unconstitutional act on the public by the Zionsville Police Department.

The one thing that bothered Marshal Wampler the most about the objections to Rewards Program was as he read over and over the letters written to the local paper, the comment that "Every time I look into my rear view mirror and see red and blue lights, my heart stops, my adrenaline rushes, I panic and I start to sweat."

This is not what this program was trying to accomplish. It was that when you see an officer, you don't have to be afraid. That we are there to help you and protect you.

Marshal Wampler requested that the paper not publish the information about the Rewards Program. He wanted to announce it to the Safety Board to be discussed and passed by the Town Council. It was on this meetings agenda and was not to start until April 1, 2005.

But unfortunately, the paper did publish the article about the program before he had a chance to make his announcement.

Seatbelt enforcement zones will start in April, 2005. Zone areas will be set up with 2 large flags warning drivers that they are about to enter a seat belt check area. If they drive into the area with their seatbelts on, they will be given a Merchants Rewards certificate. If they are not wearing a seat belt, they will be ticketed.

This is done all over the state of Indiana and has been successful.

B. Project L.O.V.E. Child Seat Program

The state and federal government takes car seat enforcement very seriously. There is a 4 day training class that has to be taken in order for an officer to be certified to check car seats for proper installation, size, recall status, etc.

Most people don't know that car seats are to be discarded if involved in an accident one time, stopped for any car seat violation including

not fitting the child in it properly, or has been recalled for defective parts.

An officer can write a voucher to them for a free car seat. If the driver expresses that he or she can not afford a new car seat.

The voucher has several locations on the back of it that individuals can go to and obtain a new car seat.

By the new law that goes into effect July 1, 2005, if a person is issued a ticket for not having a car seat and they appear with proof that they do have one, the ticket will be dismissed.

With this system put into practice, we have made sure the child is safe at no expense to the parent, the violation is corrected and the ticket is dismissed.

An officer must see a violation or the driver must be in an accident in order to receive a voucher. Because this is a state program, there is no expense to the Town of Zionsville or the Police Department.

By the end of 2005, hopefully ZPD will be designated as a fitting station for car seats. At present there are 6 officers trained in car seat installation.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Submitted By:

C. Walker

J. Wampler